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11. (C) On May 17 Polecoff delivered reftel points on restricting visas to members of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), and encouraging support for the Darfur Peace Agreement, to Marek Luts, MFA Sudan Desk Officer. According to Luts, some in Brussels would like to see an end to EU funding for AMIS, in addition to rapid transfer of responsibility for the mission to the UN. Luts shared with us that he had recently met with the Ambassador from South Africa who argued that the AU retain primary responsibility for AMIS, and that what was lacking was the necessary funding from the United States and the EU. Luts made it clear that a unilateral ending of EU funding for AMIS is a minority view, and not supported by Estonia. But he said the EU does not want to continue "merely writing checks for AMIS".

12. (C) On the matter of restricting visas to members of the JEM, Luhts said the issue is still being discussed within the EU. He felt there was consensus among member states for the EU to impose visa restrictions. Finally, Luts said the GOE will be giving an additional 500,000 Estonian Kroon (39,000 USD) in humanitarian assistance through the UN for Darfur assistance.  
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